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Westly Comments on CalPERS Vote

SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly today issued the following statement regarding the CalPERS vote on its HMO hospital network:

“This is a tough choice, but we have to act now to keep healthcare costs down.

“I am pleased that CalPERS will continue to allow members to choose for themselves whether to utilize high-cost facilities, and that recent legislation will help assure the continuity of care for the most vulnerable patients.”

“Voting to limit the CalPERS HMO hospital network is the most responsible option, and in keeping with our goal to hold down costs for members.

“We want to preserve the right for people to keep their own doctor, though they may have to pay more of the cost associated with that care.”

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